

HOME HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION

There may be circumstances when a child's condition prevents or renders attendance at school inadvisable. [704 KAR 7:120](#) Home/hospital instruction addresses eligibility for Home/Hospital Instruction (see Appendix).

Home Instruction is typically a short-term instructional arrangement in a home or other designated site for a student who is temporarily unable to attend school. Home instruction is not designed to take the place of a more appropriate school placement. Students with special health care needs may have temporary or chronic conditions which warrant home instruction on a temporary or extended basis. For students with more serious conditions, it is likely that their Individual Education Program (IEP) will guide these students' services. The Admissions and Release Committee (ARC) has the responsibility of documenting if services in the home setting constitute the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE). Current technologies allow many students with special health care needs to remain in school settings and be provided supports sufficient to allow continued school attendance.

Although home/hospital instruction as described in [704 KAR 7:120](#) provides for two (2) one (1) hour visits, a student with an IEP who is determined to need services in a home setting is not limited to these hours of service. When an ARC determines a student's IEP needs to be implemented in a home setting, it is the responsibility of the ARC to also determine how many hours of service per week are needed to fulfill that IEP. The ARC also needs to verify that the person selected to implement an IEP in a home setting meets the necessary qualifications and competencies for instruction and delivery of the IEP. An IEP decision is guided by both state and federal laws that are different from state requirements governing home instruction for students with or without disabilities. If an ARC determines a student with disabilities needs to have their IEP implemented a home setting, it is important for the ARC to communicate this decision to the Home/Hospital Review Committee to facilitate their determination of whether or not this IEP service is also subject to reimbursement under the home instruction program eligibility ([704 KAR 7:120](#)).

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